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Coal Regulatory Program
Attn.: James D. Smith – Permit Supervisor
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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RE: Expedited Review Request for Equipment Abandonment, Task ID #2950, Canyon Fuel

Company, LLC Skyline Mine, C/007/005.

Dear Mr. Smith:

The following is in response to an OGMCOAL email received earlier today outlining the anticipated review completion date for Task ID #2950 as May 19, 2008. As outlined in the Equipment Abandonment request, Skyline Mine has encountered conditions that require the previously unforeseen and currently proposed abandonment. Based on the current mining plan and longwall move scheduled for next month, Skyline Mine is requesting an expedited review of the application to aid in our immediate planning.

Skyline Mine acknowledges that other permit modifications such as the Reduction in Subsidence Monitoring, an Incidental Boundary Change (IBC), the Waste Rock Site Expansion, and Table of Contents are already in the process of being reviewed by DOGM personnel. Due to the eminent need to have Task ID # 2950 approved to continue mining, we are recommending the review precede any other Skyline applications at this time. After conversing with DOGM Mine Lead Ms. Dana Dean, we are requesting a review of Task ID #2950 could be completed by Friday April 4, 2008.

If you have any questions regarding the idling of the Skyline Mine, please give me a call at (435) 448-2636.

Sincerely:

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Environmental Engineer – Skyline Mine

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Canyon Fuel Company, LLC.